

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application **PCT/EP2004/000624** filed **26 January 2004** which designated the U.S. and claims benefit of **IT MO2003A000012**, filed **24 January 2003**, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 21, as follows:

In use, a dynamic separation between particles of detritus and the air current is achieved, and such particles fall in the lower part of the collection chamber 4 in which removable a means-member 8, such as a drawer, is provided.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 25, as follows:

As will be better understood in the following, the removable means-member 8 is also dedicated to compacting and extraction of collected detritus after separation from the air current.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4 line 22, as follows:

The second filter chamber 14 is releasably mounted on the body 2 via hooking and unhooking ~~means~~elements, known per se, so that should access to the filter element 13 be required, for example for replacement thereof, the second filter chamber 14 can be removed in the direction indicated by arrows F1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 1, as follows:

The extraction ~~means~~device 8 of the detritus "D" ~~essentially~~ comprises a boxed tank, such as a drawer, 23, ~~preferably~~in particular having a bottom provided with a transversal cross-section with a rounded shape according to a cylindrical profile, which is provided with at least one loading opening 24 and which can be rotated by acting on a handling means~~element~~, for example a handle 25, between a loading position and an extraction position; the boxed tank 23 is positioned at a height below the internal end of the aspiration port 3.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 10, as follows:

The boxed tank 23 is accommodated in an appropriate housing and guide seat 26, both in an axial and rotational direction, which is defined in the collection chamber 4, ~~preferably~~in particular at the base thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 14, as follows:

A pusher unit 27 is also provided for pushing the collected detritus from the collection chamber 4 to inside of the boxed tank 23; the pusher unit 27 is reciprocable by a motor ~~means~~arrangement 28 fixed around said body 2 and is slidable on a sliding surface 29 that connects a threshold of the housing and guide seat 26 with the fitting zone of said motor ~~means~~arrangement 28.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 26, as follows:

The pusher unit 27 further comprises a transmission unit 28a, 31 interposed between the shaped buffer 30 and said motor ~~means~~arrangement 28.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 23, as follows:

During the aspiration phase, the pusher unit 27 keeps the shaped buffer 30 retracted towards the motor ~~means~~arrangement 28 or gearmotor 28a so that the detritus "D" that precipitate after the blow against the dynamic separation barrier 7 accumulate on the sliding surface 29, which constitutes the actual bottom of the collection chamber 4.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 29, as follows:

When the detritus "D" has reached a set volume, the motor ~~means~~arrangement 28 is actuated which, through the transmission element 31, for example a worm screw 33, progressively pushes it towards the boxed tank 23, sliding with the detritus "D" along the sliding surface 29.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 1, as follows:

Said second filter chamber 14 is then relocated in its work position and rehooked to the boxed body 2 with per se prior-art hooking and unhooking ~~means~~elements: in this way, the total operating efficiency of the improved vacuum cleaner 1 is restored through simple, easy and economic operations, it being necessary to proceed with the complete replacement of said first 13, second 17 and further filter elements 20 only after numerous cycles of use and cleaning thereof.